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**To:** Hayley Graham  
**Subject:** Quiet Zone

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Hi Linda

This is the information I got from CP in regards to my request to halt whistle blowing  
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Sent from my iPad

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**Subject:** Quiet Zone

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the request for whistle cessation.

It is understandable that train whistling can be bothersome for people living close to public grade crossings. As a result, some municipalities may wish to end train whistling to provide those residents with some relief from the noise.

Therefore, section 23.1 of the *Railway Safety Act* does provide a process for whistling cessation, which is a process to support removing the requirement to sound the train whistles as a train approaches a public grade crossing.

The process for municipalities to request whistling cessation at a public grade crossing is:

1. The municipality assesses whether or not whistling cessation at a public grade crossing meets the requirements of the *Grade Crossings Regulations* and the [Grade Crossing Standards](#).

The *Grade Crossings Regulations* allow for whistling cessation based on the safety design of the grade crossing. [Appendix D of the Grade Crossing Standards](#) state the requirements for warning systems at public crossings that must be met before whistling can be stopped. The requirements vary based on railway speed design, vehicle and pedestrian use, and the number of railway tracks going through the crossing. The requirements may include flashing lights, bells and gates.

2. The municipality or road authority must consult with the railway company, notify each relevant association or organization, and give public notice of its intention to pass a resolution for a whistling cessation.

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3. Once the municipality and railway company agree on whistling cessation, the municipality can pass a resolution to stop train whistling at the public grade crossing.

Under the *Railway Safety Act*, it becomes illegal to use a train whistle at the approach of a grade crossing when a municipality declares, by resolution, that it agrees whistles shall no longer be used at a crossing, and that the crossing meets the requirements of the *Grade Crossings Regulations*. However, the Act allows train whistling in cases of emergency and in other limited circumstances.

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4. Transport Canada can make a final decision if the municipality and the railway company do not agree that the crossing meets the requirements for warning systems at a public crossing without train whistling.

Transport Canada encourages railway companies and road authorities to work together to ensure a grade crossing meets the requirements of the Regulations and has completed all steps for whistling cessation.

Transport Canada can order a railway to reinstate whistling at a public crossing after a resolution is passed if the railway company or the municipality fails to maintain the conditions supporting the cessation of train whistling.

Should you wish to pursue whistling cessation in your area, please contact your municipality directly and follow the link for Procedure for Train Whistling at Public Crossings.

<https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/railsafety-976.html>

I hope this helps.

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